

The Intelligencer.

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 24, 1852.

Receipts of nails at Cincinnati last week were 13,704 kegs, and since September 1st, 1878, against 156,806 for the same time last year.

The Ohio Republican caucus makes a nomination for United States Senator to-day, which they probably will on the first ballot, General Garfield will be the man.

General Grant's nomination. The Wellington Herald does not see any thing to make a fuss about in the prospective candidacy of General Grant for a third term.

As to the other point, that Grant will not be President unless the people so desire, there is much in the remark that is fallacious. It is certain, to begin with, that the Democratic party, comprising about one-half the voters of this country, do not want him.

In the face of these facts it is unnecessary to say that Gen. Grant will not become President unless the people elect him. That is not the fair way to put the matter.

Any one can see that an effort is on foot to get early control of the delegates to the Chicago convention in the interest of Gen. Grant. The South is counted solid for him.

The Wheat Market. The telegraphic report this morning of the Mark Lane Express on the British crops, is as blue as indigo. It is this lamentable condition of affairs in Europe, and especially in England, Scotland and Ireland, that holds the wheat market in this country at this time above the shipping point.

Chicago, January 4.—The largest single cargo of gold coin in this city was shipped yesterday by the First National Bank of Chicago. The bank paid out in settlement of its clearing-house balances \$1,500,000. Of this sum \$1,500,000 was in gold coin.

Yesterday there was a report on change that \$2,000,000 more had been sent out from New York. The clearings of the week ended up \$40,310,916, against \$27,171,433 in the corresponding week of last year.

THE WHEELING COURT HOUSE.

its Early History in Connection with the Recent Losses of Adjutant General Grant. We have been handed by one of our old citizens the following letter from Alexander T. Laidley, of Kanawha county, in regard to the early understanding that existed in Court House circles here in regard to the preservation intact of the open spaces of ground on either side of that building at the time of its erection, many years ago:

CHARLESTON, December 19, 1879. MY DEAR SIR:—I am just in receipt of yours of the 16th inst., and reply to it at once.

The late R. C. Woods, Z. Jacob and David Agnew were appointed Commissioners to superintend the building of the Court House, where it now stands; and the late Richard C. Simms, Daniel L. Laidley and myself the Commissioners for building the jail in the rear, fronting on Fifth street.

The ground for both was selected by Commissioners in 1837, I believe, by Legislature in 1837-1838. The buildings were put under contract in 1838. James H. White, undertaking the Court House, and one D. Brooks, of Columbia county, Ohio, the jail. The ground occupied by the Court House was an entire lot known as the "Institute Lot," and the lot on the line of division, and the other side of the lot, was one hundred feet and running back to the depth of about one hundred and twenty feet, or to the adjoining lot, fronting on Monroe street.

For ventilation and light the house was placed in the middle of the lot. This was the more necessary for putting it as far from the line of Monroe street as possible, because the owner of the adjoining lot, himself, had been building a house, and the structure light and ventilation, and increase the hazard from fire—and the design was to place it as far from Monroe street as could be done, on account of the noise from vehicles running over a stone paved street.

I remember that somewhere between 1842 and '50, perhaps '43 or '4, an application was made, or talked of, being made, for leave to lease from the county ground on both sides for building offices. I opposed it because it would obstruct light and air, and sight too, from my office on the south side, and from Mr. McCullough's office on the north side, and the sides of the Court House.

My recollection is, for these and other reasons, the late Z. Jacob sent up an order, and had it entered in the County Court for prohibiting the lease of ground on either side of the Court House, and the other description or any other use should be made of the lot while it was occupied as a Court House, or as the property of the county. I feel quite sure that Mr. Jacob opposed it and exerted himself to get it made, and the Sheriff strikes me that Mr. Nelson, C. W. Russell, and perhaps Mr. Paul, with E. H. Fitzhugh and others sought to use the ground for offices, and this refusal of the County Court to grant the lease, drove Paul, Nelson and others to the line of the lot, and they began to build a small, two-story brick, adjoining the old Mark Lane house (now Mrs. Wheat's), and next to the "Institute Lot," and probably on a part of this lot.

There was a brick wall seven or eight feet high on the line of the lot, and a fence running back to a higher wall enclosing the jail. I have not been in Wheeling since 1870, but am told that a building has been put up on the south side of the lot, and that the Sheriff has been using it as a warehouse, and after the order of which I speak, no account would be willing to grant such leases. We did our best to get the whole of that square, that is, from the alley up to the line of the lot, and the owners of the other property were unwilling to sell, and the county was too poor to pay the prices asked.

The plans of the building, the specifications and contracts were all prepared, and the building was to be built on the lot, and the County Court Clerk's office. If papers were labeled and kept as they used to be in that office, I could lay my hand on any article that might be wanted. Examine the order book for about 1843, 1849, 1850, and if I find a record, you will find the order I refer to.

I do not think there was any paper signed by persons opposed to the case, in the form of a petition or remonstrance, but simply an order drawn up by Mr. Jacob, and signed by the Sheriff. Mr. Sprigg might have done it, or both together, and presented to the Court, which ordered it to be entered. I wish you had some of our broad acres we have here in Wheeling, as you seem to be scarce of land where to build.

FATAL FLAMES.

Imprisoned by Fire—Terrible Death of Four Unfortunates—Description of the Thrilling Scenes of the Conflagration. New York, January 5.—A fire broke this morning in the basement of Turner Hall, East Fourth street, occupied by Wm. Winkle as a ball room, and when the flames were extinguished Wm. Gaib, aged ten years; Louis Schmidt, aged 30; Henry Gehrwiler, aged 25, and Teresa Erhardt, aged 35, were found on the top floor dead. Winkle and wife were badly burned and sent to the hospital. Anna Bauer received internal injuries by jumping from the fourth story window, and was badly burned about the hands and face. An unknown woman had both legs broken by jumping from the top floor. The damage to the building and stock amounts to \$12,000. The progress of the fire was so great that it was hardly five minutes after the first engine arrived before the entire inside of the premises was alive with flames.

The premises, Nos. 60 and 62, were occupied by Turner Hall proper, and in the upper stories of No. 64 Wm. Winkle, proprietor, resided with his family and employees. As soon as the fireman could reach the roof they cut holes in it and broke in the skylight, but the fire had already done fearful work on several victims, surrounded as they were by the flames, and cut off from all access to safety below by the burning of the staircase. Several persons sustained severe injuries by leaping from the highest stories on buildings adjacent. One man, while crying frantically for aid, was all the while pushing a woman, who seemed to be resisting, from the fourth story window. She finally leaped, struck the ground, and, almost breaking both legs and arms, almost crushing her to death. Of the twelve or fifteen persons sleeping in No. 64, four were burned to death and five injured. The little boy was burned to a crisp, and others were either severely injured or killed.

The annual election of Disciples Sunday School officers took place Sunday, resulting in the choice of the following: Superintendent, W. Nelson; Assistant Superintendent, B. Dean; Secretary and Treasurer, G. M. Mertz; Assistant, W. R. Gunn; Organist, Fred Muhlenberg; old officers, with the exception of Secretary, Thornton Koderer, having resigned. There is no meeting in the basement of the Disciples' Church Thursday evening, at half-past seven, to try to arrange for the performance of "Queen Esther." There are many vocalists in Belaire who are able to take part in this play, and we desire to see it under way should show so by their presence now. Some one practically versed in such affairs will be relied on to perfect the play. At the first meeting R. W. Nelson was made President and John D. M. an honorary member. No farther progress has been made.

Dr. Junkins, on Monday, was no worse, although no better. R. C. F. MOUNDVILLE. Church Matters—The wet weather and high water—The coming lecture. MOUNDVILLE, January 5. The observance of the week of prayer will be general in the different churches in our place. At the M. E. Church, Rev. Fullerton preached both morning and evening from the words, "There is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." Communion services were held in the morning and in the evening, there were three accessions to the Church. The public school opened again to-day, after enjoying a good long vacation, with something of an increase in the attendance. The colored school began operations to-day also. To-day has been a dark and gloomy. The rain fall has been continuous, and we are expecting a greater rain, with the new year. This becomes just now a matter of deep interest to those of our inhabitants who live below high water mark, and this includes quite a number in the Lower Ward. The only satisfaction they have in the matter is, that the new levee has been generally given time to prepare for the worst.

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OHIO LEGISLATURE.

"Uncle Dick's" Parting Words—Synopsis of His Message to the Ohio Legislature—Everything Reported to be in Apple-Pie Order. COLUMBUS, January 5.—Gov. Bishop's annual message was submitted to the General Assembly to-day. From it the following facts and figures are obtained: The public debts of Ohio aggregate \$32,257,000 of which amount \$41,490,572 are local debts contracted by counties, townships and villages. The taxes collected during past year aggregate \$28,550,705 of which \$21,828,000 were for county and local taxes. The public works are reported in excellent condition and a source of revenue to the State. The ground earnings for tolls, fines and water rents for the past year amounted to \$219,140, and the expenses were \$187,116.

The Governor declares that it is no longer a question that these works under State management are self-sustaining and worthy of the fostering care of the Assembly. Attention is called to the great improvement in the State National Guard, and recommendation is made that the present plan of consolidation should be continued. The Governor also reports that the State National Guard is in excellent condition, and recommendation is made that a reformatory prison be erected; that district workhouses should be provided, and that in case children's homes are provided, that with a decrease of punishment, good order, discipline and health has increased among the convicts. The State University now has pupils from 69 countries, and is commended as worthy of further care.

The following resolution was unanimously passed: Resolved, That the Committee on Order of Business just appointed, are hereby instructed to report on the petition of the armed men and ammunition of war, now in the State house, be promptly removed, in order that the free legislature of a free people may meet as they have always been met in the State of Maine, under the protection of law and not intimidation of force.

The following is the petition to be presented to the Governor and Council to-morrow by the Portland representatives: To the Hon. Governor and Council of the State of Maine: The undersigned, representatives elect from the County of Portland, respectfully represent that they have not received summons to attend and take their seats in the House of Representatives, which is to assemble on the first Wednesday of January, 1880, although they have paid the same and are ready to take the oath of office. They therefore pray that such summons as are required by law may be issued to each of them, and their several names and places of residence may be reported to the Secretary of State as such representatives elect, in order that the same may be included in the certified roll to be furnished by the clerk of the preceding House of Representatives, required by the statutes in such case made and provided.

RAYMOND M. STROUT, SAMUEL A. TRICK, NATHAN E. REDON, BYRON D. VIGOREL. The petition from Bath, for the seating of Capt. Gray G. Rath, of the same town, or it has been stated on good authority that the Fusionists claim that 70 is a quorum in the house, on the ground that but 139 were counted in. The Republicans have issued circulars declaring that their position is correct, and that they will not accept of the Fusionists' claim. They state that the Fusionists intend to endeavor to compel the attendance of members sufficient to make a quorum. But a whole house, when fully organized, has no power to send for a representative elect until he is sworn in.

Governor Garcelon states that the decision of the Court will not change his attitude towards the incoming Legislature. The point at issue is, whether the act of the Legislature in the future, but his work had been performed under the Constitution as he understood it, and he should neither withdraw the certificates nor issue new ones. Here and there may be some of the Government, but in the mass they have the approval of the mass of the Fusionists.

A caucus of the Fusionists was held this evening, continuing to a late hour, presided over by W. H. Hill, county clerk in membership. Speeches were made in relation to the affairs, proclaiming adherence to the Constitution and laws, as they understood them. They held in respect the opinion of the Court, and should it be found that they were in error, they would not be understood that they would ignore the rights of the minority. The meeting was harmonious. A determination was expressed to go forward and organize a legislature according to the constitution, and the members of the Council will report within two weeks. Judge Libbey stated to the Governor in the presence of the Council that returns signed by less than a majority of the Board of Aldermen could not be counted. The Council will report within two weeks. Judge Libbey denies this explicitly. General Chamberlain was summoned to consult with the Governor in regard to the necessity of employing a military force to enforce the law, as it was deemed that no such force was needed, but the police would be sufficient to preserve order.

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MAINE MATTERS.

The Situation Up to Date—The Governor will Probably Wisely Conclude to Abide by the Supreme Court Decision—Meeting of the Clans. AUGUSTA, January 5.—It is reported telegrams have been received in large numbers from Democrats beyond the State, urging submission to the opinion of the Supreme Court. Major General Chamberlain came to this city last evening, being summoned by the Governor. A legislative caucus will be held to-morrow evening. The Republicans will probably nominate James A. Locke, of Cumberland, for President of the Senate, and George E. Weeks, of Augusta, for Speaker of the House. The Fusionist's prominent candidate for President is Jas. R. Talbot, of Washington, and for Speaker Thomas M. Plaisted, of Lincoln.

The representatives and members elect held a meeting for consultation this evening which was largely attended, and the feeling was confidently expressed that the verdict of the Court had made matters of the situation, and a sufficient number of those certificated, but not elected, will refuse to act to prevent a quorum from assembling until the rightful members are seated on their seats. The following committee was appointed on the future line of action: Locke, of Cumberland, and Coombs, of Hancock, of the Senate, and Hale, of Ellsworth, Young, of Brunswick, and Weeks, of Augusta, of the House.

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THE WICKED WORLD.

Transgressions Both Great and Small—A Record of the Various Crimes of the Wayward Ones of the World. A BROKEN BANK. New York, January 5.—A prominent stockholder of the Grocers' Bank said to-day: "For a long time I have been satisfied in my own mind that the affairs of the bank were arranged very loosely, and on two or three occasions I tried to bring this matter before the stockholders, but upon every occasion deputies from the men who were managing the affairs have been present and succeeded in averting all proceedings looking towards an investigation. I was anxious to have the bank go into liquidation some time ago, for I knew this matter had been going on for some time and the longer the wind up was deferred the worse it would be for the stockholders and depositors." It was said this afternoon by a gentleman to whom all the facts of the case are known, that on December 23d about \$18,000 or \$19,000 in drafts drawn in favor of J. Lloyd Haigh were presented at the Maryland National Bank for discount. They were drawn on various houses in Chicago and other western cities. The bank here telegraphed to the firms upon whom the drafts were drawn, and were instructed not to cash the drafts, as they were not good. Later in the day Receiver White said the Grocers' Bank had been ruined by forgeries. J. Lloyd Haigh was arrested this afternoon on a charge of forgery.

GAVE HIMSELF UP. POTTSVILLE, January 5.—Edward Curley, Mollie Maguire of Columbia county, charged with the murder of John Gunning on July 26, 1876, returned to Centralia yesterday and surrendered to the authorities and was committed to jail. Curley is expected to turn States evidence and expose the participants in the number of murders committed in the vicinity of Centralia and the scene of many tragedies during the reign of the Mollie Maguires. At Curley's hearing yesterday, Michael Brogan, who recently married a daughter of Gunning's, attempted to shoot him. The town was very much agitated.

SHORTLY IN HIS ACCOUNTS. RICHMOND, VA., January 5.—Investigation into the accounts of N. C. Taliferro, retiring general agent and storekeeper of the penitentiary, brought to light a shortage of \$15,000 to \$20,000. Taliferro acknowledges the shortage, but says it will be made good by his associates. He says he does not know how to account for it, except from the fact that he was engaged in the commission business as well as being agent of the penitentiary, and that the affairs of both were commingled, and that he claims to have outstanding accounts sufficient to cover the deficiency.

NEGRO LYNCHED. RICHMOND, VA., January 5.—Information has been received here from Amherst County, Va., of the lynching of a negro named Columbus Miles, near there on Saturday. The sheriff of Amherst county had arrested the negro on the charge of outraging a white lady, and was on the way to the jail with the prisoner when he was overtaken by a mob of angry white citizens, who took the negro away from the sheriff and hanged him to a tree.

ESCAPE OF PRISONERS. COLUMBUS, O., January 5.—The prisoners confined in the Franklin county jail made a break for liberty at 5 o'clock this evening, just after the new Sheriff had assumed charge, and nine escaped through the entrance door. James Herrell, alias Kerr, indicted for murder in the first degree, and J. W. Dodge, for cutting with intent to wound, are among the missing.

SENTENCED FOR KIDNAPING. CHICAGO, January 5.—Judge Blodgett, of the United States Court, to-day sentenced John W. Gregg to one year's imprisonment in jail and a fine of \$1,218 for kidnaping. The case was brought by William Spaulding, custom house clerk, who was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,618 for embezzlement.

KIDNAPING MADE OFFICIAL. SARATOGA, January 5.—Stephen H. Richards, cashier of the Commercial National Bank, which failed December 15, 1878, was arrested this afternoon, charged with embezzling the funds of the bank; also with perjury in swearing to reports to the Comptroller of the Currency. He gets half a year.

KILLED WHILE RESISTING ARREST. MEMPHIS, January 5.—Alvah Williams, colored, the notorious desperado who served two terms in the penitentiary, was killed to-day at Crowley's, Tenn., while resisting arrest on a charge of burglary. Williams fired three times at the officers before they shot him.

KILLED FOR TEN CENTS. LOUISVILLE, January 5.—Three negroes, Jack Bailey, Jim Ellis and Jack Harper, quarrelled in East End to-night over ten cents, which resulted in Ellis killing Bailey by shooting. Ellis is in jail.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE CHEAP—ONE NEW FARM WAGON, ONE CITY CART. S. J. ELLIFFRITZ, de 9 Corner Twenty-fourth and Market Sts.

FOR SALE—My farm, 100 acres, one mile from Cameron, Maryland, with a good house, a good barn, a good stable, a good orchard, select fruit. Terms for \$250 a year, or a sale reasonable. W. H. H. BOYD, No. 55 TWELFTH STREET, Wheeling, W. Va.

FOR SALE—1,600 acres of Timbered Land, within one mile of Middle Island Creek, Tyler county, W. Va., 10 miles from Ohio River. W. V. HOGG & BROS., Real Estate Agents, 1300 Market street.

FOR SALE—A house and lot on west side of Alley H, Church-street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. Possession given immediately. Price \$600 cash. Apply to THOS. J. DILLON, on premises, or write me at Canton, O. GEO. W. DILLON.

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SALE OF VALUABLE CITY LOTS. The undersigned will offer at private sale until the 15th day of JANUARY, 1880, a piece of ground situated in East Wheeling, containing 1 acre, 7 rods and 12 cents, and fronting on Baltimore and Twelfth streets. There is on the premises a good brick dwelling, and a small barn. The lot is well watered and fertile, and for rent, remainder of season. W. H. H. BOYD, No. 55 TWELFTH STREET, Wheeling, W. Va.

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